

June 24, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR DEPARTMENTAL STANDARDIZATION OFFICES (DePSOs)

SUBJECT: DoD Qualification Working Group

The Defense Standardization Program Office has responsibility for the DoD Qualification Program. The last significant reassessment of the DoD Qualification Program occurred about 15 years ago. MilSpec Reform, Acquisition Reform, and Civilian/Military Industrial Integration have profoundly changed the environment in which the qualification program operates.

Mr. Ronald Zabielski, of my staff, will chair a working group to review the DoD Qualification Program and evaluate its relevance and goals in the new acquisition environment. The group will also be expected to recommend changes to policies and procedures and anything else necessary to make the DoD's Qualification Program a valuable and responsive tool for defense acquisition. The proposed working group charter is attached.

The working group will be successful only if we have effective participation from the Military Departments and Defense Agencies, along with valuable input from industry. Please provide the following by July 16, 1999, via e-mail to carla_jenkins@hq.dla.mil. You may also mail your input to this office at the address above.

1. The names of two people for potential inclusion in the working group. The first nominee should be from within the standardization program, but knowledgeable in qualification. The second should come from the acquisition community outside the standardization program, but again, knowledgeable in qualification.
2. A list of people who you think might provide valuable input into the effort. These people can be from federal or state governments or private industry (including industry organizations.) Provide name, organization, address, phone numbers and what contribution they would provide.
3. Suggested changes to the proposed charter.

The DoD Qualification Working Group's first meeting will be on August 24, 1999. It will held in room 2101, Defense Logistics Agency, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6221. Appropriate information will be provided later.

If you have any questions, please call Ron Zabielski at DSN 427-6877, comm (703) 767-6877 or Carla Jenkins at DSN 427-6874, comm (703) 767-6874.

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Attachment: DoD Working Group Charter